equiry and cost involved in the preparation of statistics, not justified in public interests.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know, Sir, whether the material prosperity of a country is not one of the important considerations of any civilised Government?

President.—It is a matter of opinion.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is it not one of the important consideration of this Government?

President.—It is a matter of opinion.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I am asking of this Government.

President.—I cannot allow it as a supplementary question.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Can we have an assurance that the matter will be considered in the economic survey?

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—How do you conciliate this answer with the spirit of the answer to Questions Nos. 425 and 445?

President.—You can form your own opinion.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know the grounds for the Government's finding that the inquiry on the subject would not be justified in public interest?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Government is of opinion that no useful public purpose will be served.

Population that can command capital.

425. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—(a) the number of our population that can command no capital at all;

(b) the number that cannot command any capital above rupees ten at a stretch?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a) and (b) Statistics are not available to answer the question.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—How do you account for the necessity of an industrial survey?

President.—We have not come up to Question 426.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Am I to understand that the finding out what is the population that cannot command any capital will not serve a useful purpose?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—It is not possible from the statistics available to get that information.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government kindly collect the statistics and then answer the question?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—There is the large expenditure to be considered. There is going to be an industrial survey and after that survey the information will be available.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Would you promise that this will be included in the survey?

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is it possible?

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Mr. U. KandarMenon.—It is almost impossible to include it.

Completion of the Industrial Survey.

426. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to state by what time they hope to complete the Industrial Survey, promised by them?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—They hope to do it soon.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know whether the Industrial and the Economic surveys are the same?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—For the purpose of the present argument we have used both these terms in the same sense.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Is not the industrial survey part of the economic survey?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I said that they are the same for the purpose of the present context.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know when the promise was given by them?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is not possible for me to say within what period it will be completed.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—That is not my question. When did the Government give this promise?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—So far as I remember, it was brought before this House last year.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Has anything been done by the Director subsequent to the promise, in the course of this one year?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—To do a thing is a process. The net result that we get will be showing that definite steps are being taken. Between the promise and the actual doing it there will be some correspondence. We have done a great deal.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—May I know whether any one of the processes of doing has been taken before a few days?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Before the question of appointment of a Special Officer was adumbrated, a great deal of information was collected by me through the Revenue Department in connection with the industrial survey. We have a series of completed schedules which will be of assistance to the Special Officer.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know whether the other side has so many grievances against them.

President.—No.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know why some of them are answered as aggrieved parties?

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Are we to understand that the survey has already been started?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Some amount of preliminary information which I thought will be useful for the economic survey was

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